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by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Respiratory illnesses continue to surge at the four health care facilities in the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit's catchment area.

Dr. Nicole Bocking, the unit's medical officer of health, introduced the health system's triple threat to health board members on Nov. 10.

The Triple Threat refers to influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) that's proving to be quite infectious this season. They're causing havoc at hospitals locally and provincially.

RSV usually seriously affects younger children more than older children and adults. But, it can cause outbreaks in longterm care homes.

"In particular, the combination of all three is putting significant pressure on Emergency Departments, primary care, walk-in clinics, and in-patient units at hospitals," Bocking said.

There's been a dramatic increase that shows a more than doubling of visits to emergency rooms in the region every week.

"The volume this year is higher than previous years," she said.

In a span of two weeks, health care facilities went from being at a moderate level to an elevated level. Moderate is higher than expected for this time of year.

The elevated level: "This is more than what we would be anticipating for this time of year," Bocking said.

And that's contributing to much longer wait times for patients in Emergency Departments. It's adding to the burdens of overworked primary and senior care providers. Difficulty in patients being able to access walk-in clinics, she said.

"Overall, not only a shortage of health care workers contributing to the challenge, but also much higher than normal of visits coming to the Emergency Department for respiratory ailments," Bocking said.

COVID-19 is contributing to the burden, but it isn't the only piece of the puzzle.

"We're already seeing more influenza activity than we've seen in some Januarys," Bocking said.

There's been much discussion about whether the provincial chief medical officer of health should bring back the mask mandate for indoor settings. Bocking said it's recommended that masks be worn in crowded indoor public places.

"This isn't just about someone saying, 'I'm young, I'm healthy, I don't need to wear a mask, I'm not worried, it's just a cold'," she said. "It's also about protecting all those people around you."

Protecting other people around you, the people you come into contact with throughout the day, is helping to alleviate some of the strain on the health care system, Bocking said.

"We've gone through a period of time where many people were quite happy to put their masks to the side and pretend that we weren't dealing with it," she said. "I think reality is here for the fall, which we were expecting to come. Now is the time for

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#### Lest we forget

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 Colour Party stands in front of the Minden cenotaph during the Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. See more on page 8. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



## **MINDEN SUBARU**

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### **OPP** detachment rumoured to consolidate

#### by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

County council has asked the four lower tier municipalities to oppose a possible consolidation of OPP detachments.

County council discussed rumours during a special meeting on Nov. 9 that OPP detachments in Haliburton Highlands and City of Kawartha Lakes would merge. The rumour also holds that the Haliburton detachment commander will be replaced with a mere manager.

Warden Liz Danielsen said the concerns are based on "consistent rumblings" within the community.

"There were concerns by the four mayors that there would be a serious impact on the services provided in Haliburton County should that take place," she said.

The mayors and CAOs of Minden Hills, Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands, and Dysart met last week with Chief Superintendent Dwight Peer, central region commander, and other high ranking OPP officers to get clarification on the

Peer assured the Haliburton delegation that consolidation of the detachment commands wasn't finalized and that it was only an option being discussed as a means to achieve efficiencies within the police service.

The possible merging of detachment commands would not happen if the local municipalities were opposed to the

As such, county council asked each municipality to discuss the issue before the end of 2022 and to voice their opposition to Peer and OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique.

Councillor Brent Devolin said the municipalities pay the OPP directly for policing. It isn't a function of the county, per se, and he thanked the upper tier council for starting the rally against possible detachment consolidation.

He said they were caught off guard by the possibility, but the meeting with OPP brass was productive and yielded assurance the wishes of the municipal councils were paramount in the decision process.

"They (OPP) need to have engagement," Devolin said. "We're the ones paying the tab here and ... they need to dialogue with us.'

He said the police services board that's in the works will be an effective avenue for communication between the police and communities.

"I hope this is the beginning of a long-term engagement," Devolin said.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said it was inappropriate that there was no ahead-of-the-game consultations.

"I don't believe for a second that command consolidation would not have any impact on the services that we are providing to the community, especially in the face of the growth we are seeing," Moffatt said.

The county is facing many issues directly tied to growth,

"As much as it was suggested nothing would change, I just don't believe that," she said.

Replacing the commander at the Haliburton detachment with a manager is "absolutely unacceptable and an insult to our community," Moffatt said. "A lot of people have worked very hard for the establishment and retention of policing services in Haliburton County. Our growth requires more policing services, more robust services and relationships. Not

Councillor Cecil Ryall said each of the four municipalities need to share consistent information on the issue.

"So that when we as lower tier councils discuss this, we will have a consolidated set of information that is uniform across all four municipalities," he said, and added that a uniform front will make it so that the local townships can't be ignored by the OPP decision-makers.

### County hears townships' feedback to common signage plan

#### by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The lower tier municipalities that make up Haliburton County have concerns about common countywide signage.

Scott Ovell, director of economic development, updated county council on progress toward establishing a wayfinding signage plan during a meeting Nov. 9.

The wheels were set in motion in June toward the countywide community plan. Staff were directed to present the project scope to the township councils for their consideration. The presentations were completed over the summer and fall.

In a written report to county council, Ovell said township councillors raised questions that would be to be addressed if the project is to advance.

Townships want to be able to differentiate themselves on the signage. Another concern was the inclusion of privatelyowned assets on wayfinding signs, and the inclusion of vehicular-, pedestrian- and cycling-based signage.

"All those presentations were met with favourable reviews," Ovell said.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said branding is important and helpful to visitors to the county.

All townships adopted resolutions to support the development of the project, and committed staff resources to support the identified areas within the project.

It is recommended that \$30,000 be included in the 2023 budget to complete the project.

Councillor Cecil Ryall said the wait has been long for a countywide wayfinding plan.

"I like the idea that you're going to give individuality to the municipalities," he said.

Ryall asked if evidence of the work thus far will be seen, perhaps in the first quarter next year?

"I realize we may not have anything in place by then,"

Ovell said that would depend on the support of the incoming, recently elected county council.

"Once we get that go-ahead, we would ideally want to have something tendered by the end of the first quarter," he said.

The next phase would be concepts and plan development. A request for proposals will need to be issued to find a contractor to identify sign locations, sign types and messaging, and to recommend designs.

County staff will meet with municipalities to get an inventory of existing signage

"We can hit the ground running and it puts us in the best position to move forward with the goal of ideally having something in the form of a plan before council in the summer or late in the summer," Ovell said.

### Wearing masks can help ease pressure on hospitals

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everyone to start paying attention."

Children nine years old and younger are the largest age group presenting infections at emergency rooms. The risk of hospital admission is lower for younger people, she said. They can most often be managed in the Emergency Department.

"The challenge right now is they might not be able to get as timely care in the Emergency Department," Bocking said. "And then we still get a high number of admission in

That's why many pediatric intensive care units throughout the province are at over-capacity, and older children are having to be transferred to adult ICUs.

"We see the largest pediatric ICUs having to transfer kids to other ICUs," she said. "We see surgeries bring cancelled that would require ICU care for kids. That might be a heart surgery or something like that that's not an emergency but they still need that surgery cancelled or postponed because there isn't enough beds in the pediatric ICU.

### Stanhope library reopening in December

Library will open its doors to the public on Saturday, Dec. 3. with Disabilities Act. Using grant money provided by the and meeting new members to the branch. I've missed While contractors await the arrival of several missing parts required to complete the renovation, library patrons will once again be able to browse the collection, attend programs and utilize library services in Stanhope. Once the missing door hardware arrives, the library will close briefly for the outstanding work to be finished. Upon project completion and final inspection of the chair lift, HCPL will host a grand opening celebration to recognize accessibility improvements made at the branch.

The Stanhope branch has been closed since 2020 to undergo renovations to make the entrance more accessible and to

The Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Public meet the standards outlined in the Accessibility for Ontarians re-opening. I look forward to welcoming back familiar faces Enabling Accessibility Fund, branch improvements include a new chair lift, a new entrance with an automatic door and hardware, and an exterior concrete ramp. The initial goal was to complete this renovation during the COVID-19 lockdown closures. However, supply chain issues have delayed the project timeline substantially. Starting December 3rd, the Stanhope library will re-open to the public, but won't yet be fully accessible until the final stages of the renovation have

> Gayle Wetmore, Stanhope Branch Supervisor, is encouraged by the recent progress, "I'm so excited for the

everyone so much.

About HCPL: The Haliburton County Public Library provides free public access to collections, spaces, programs and services to meet the lifelong learning needs of all Haliburton

Find out more about library services and events at haliburtonlibrary.ca.

Submitted by Haliburton County Public Library

## Stedmans staying in Minden

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Times Staff

The Stedmans name will not be leaving the downtown core of Minden any time soon. According to the new owner of the business, Faisal Rasool, while he did intend to originally change the name, after purchasing the business, he realized the importance of the local name to the community. "We are very aware of what the locals want," said Rasool, "so we are trying our best to give them that."

Rasool is new to the area, but knew the former owners of Stedmans V&S, John and Robyn Thomas, personally, before the business arrangement was made. So far, Rasool said he is pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of support he has received from the community. "I love the people here," said Rasool. "Everyone is so friendly, and we want to continue to give them what they want."

While the Stedmans name will stay the same, Rasool does have big plans for the store itself.

"We will be committing to some major renovations, starting in January," he said. He believes the renovations will take a few months, and the store will be closed during that time. Yet, once it re-opens, it will be "bigger and better than before," said Rasool, who is excited about the new layout and

Rasool intends to keep much of the same type of product, continuing the theme of a department store, yet will expand the sections where he has noted a lot of interest, such as crafts, wool, household items, and seasonal items. He is also planning on expanding the sections for kids and young adults to include more toys, games, and custom crafts.

The store is currently open leading up to the renovations in the new year.

"Keep an eye out for some upcoming sales," said Rasool, who intends to sell off 100 per cent of the current product before closing, so it can be a fresh start once the doors reopen after the renovations are complete.

Rasool, who also owns three other stores in different communities, is hoping to permanently relocate to the region in the new year so he can raise his young family in the Minden



The new owner of Stedmans V&S in Minden, Faisal Rasool, with staff member Gabrielle Dowling. Rasool will be keeping the Stedmans name for the business, and is excited about future renovations to further the successes of Stedmans in the downtown core. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

area. He is currently working with local real estate agents to make this happen. "This community is better than I could have imagined," he said. "Everyone is so welcoming, and we are excited to be here."

Stedmans V&S is located at 103 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, Monday to Saturday.

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> November 24 - Regular Council Meeting **December 8 - Regular Council Meeting**

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

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The Minden Santa Claus parade is taking place on Saturday, November 19, starting at 11 am in the Arena parking lot. The parade follows Parkside Street, continues south on Bobcavgeon Road. finishing at the Township municipal parking lot off of St. Germain Street. Call 705-286-1260 x 551 for more information.

#### CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Christmas in the Village at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is being held on Saturday, November 19 from 11 am – 3 pm. Bring your Christmas list and visit with Santa after the parade! Tour the heritage village decorated for Christmas, explore the Artisan Market featuring local artists, try some tasty baked goods and visit the old-fashioned candy shop. Admission is by donation. For more information call 705 286-3763 x 542 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

The Muse, Under the Thin Blue Line, an exhibit by Bob Tunnoch will be on display November 1 – December 20 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information call 705-286-3763 x 542 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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## County creates new position to monitor lake health

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has created a planning technologist position for the Lake Health Monitoring Program.

Council agreed to the new administrative position Nov. 9 during a special meeting. Funding for the position has to be allotted in the 2023 budget. That could be \$75,000 annually for salary and incidentals such as benefits.

The position is proposed to be part of the administrative unit as per the collective agreement between the county and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local

The planning technologist would be re-

sponsible for assembling scientific information from government agencies and community-based organizations who monitor the health of the county's lakes.

This data will be used by the Planning Department to establish a base line understanding of the condition of lakes. This information can then be presented in an annual report on state of the county's lakes to county council.

Information will be assembled in one place where it can be availed of by researchers and community groups, said Steve Stone, the county's director of planning.

The person in the role shouldn't be construed to be the source of all the information for all the problems that may arise regarding lake system health.

"The position is a staff liaison with any

future watershed council that county council decides to implement," he said.

The Lake Health Monitoring Program (LHMP) was created in early 2022. It's to facilitate work with organizations to confirm and update the percentage of shoreline that remain in a natural and/or regenerative

The program aims to establish recommended targets for naturalization, to review upper and lower-tier bylaws and planning documents and identify those that require amendments.

Public information will also be developed through the program that could be shared now and when a bylaw is adopted.

County staff proposed during the Oct. 26 meeting that Haliburton's Lake Health Monitoring Program could be modelled after the District of Muskoka's program.

The Muskoka Water Strategy places emphasizes on building relationships and sharing resources with other organizations while encouraging greater community involvement in lake health.

The Muskoka strategy is to guide and minimize the impact of human activities on water resources, to ensure human and environmental health, and to preserve the quality of life in the community.

In Haliburton County, lake health monitoring is being undertaken by a number of cottage associations with a new two-year program being initiated by U-links next summer.

The existing Shoreline Tree Preservation and new Shoreline Preservation bylaws can be considered to be a stewardship program.

County council commissioned the Haliburton Flood Plain Mapping Project for the Gull and Burnt Rivers. This project is due to conclude in 2024, and its deliverables will be used to update policies governing

development around lakes and rivers.

Climate change is affecting lakes and rivers in many ways, including through rising water temperatures, increased sedimentation and pollution, changes to hydrology, and more frequent and intense flooding and

"Healthy lakes and rivers play an important role in protecting aquatic systems from the impacts of climate change, via temperature moderation, wave attenuation, sediment and pollutant capture, erosion reduction and the mitigation of storm surge and debris movement," Stone wrote in a report to council.

The County's Lake Health program could play a critical role in the earlier detection of water quality degradation in our vulnerable Haliburton's lakeside and riverine communities.

In addition, staff proposed to undertake a more in-depth evaluation of the cost to establish in 2023 the Lake Health Monitoring Program modelled after Muskoka's.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said creating the technologist position is a good thing that aligns with so many other things county is trying to do for the future of the community.

Coun. Cecil Ryall said the new position will benefit anybody who appreciates the quality of local lakes and how important

Coun. Brent Devolin said his reason for becoming involved with municipal politics was due largely to water issues.

"I pass this torch forward and trust that the future councils will see the value that we've seen," he said. "Water quality is the under-pinning of our economy, and these are great endeavours. I look forward to others continuing on and protecting all of our interest in our community."

# Highlands Christmas Shindig

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### Investigation into structure fire in Minden Hills

Emergency services responded to a fatal structure fire in the Township of Minden

On Nov. 4, at 11:59 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Minden Hills Fire Department, Haliburton Fire Department, and Haliburton EMS, responded to a structure fire in the Township of Minden Hills. A person was located deceased in the structure.

At this time, the fire is believed to be

The Haliburton Highlands OPP in conjunction with OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS), the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) and the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario are continuing to investigate the

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment





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Razzamataz Kids Shows hosted the "Stunt Ventriloquist" Tim Holland on Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion. Over 150 kids and adults attended the one-man-show, which included puppets, juggling, unicycles, and comedy, and had all attendees in fits of laughter. All upcoming Razzamataz shows are featured on their website, at www.razzamataz.ca. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff





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## Of masks, decency, and the Tory heel

**JAMES MATTHEWS** 

LJI Reporter

UST WEAR the mask. It's the decent thing to do for the people around you.

Go ahead: Put it on when you venture close to or within a crowd. If not for your own health, do it for the people around you. And, do it for the crowd of overworked nurses and physicians at pretty much every health care facility throughout Ontario.

That's how it is now: The choices you make in Mississauga, as an

example, has bearing on whole shifts of nurses in Toronto or Barrie or Orangeville or at any of the facilities in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge public health district.

That's because patients seeking treatment are having to be shipped far afield from the emergency room they entered

because of staff shortages due to illness. Procedures elsewhere are being delayed or outright cancelled.

The CEO at SickKids in Toronto this week asked Ontarians to do the right thing and wear a mask. The hospital has had to cancel surgeries to free up post-op intensive care beds. So, many children have been requiring ICU beds and ventilators to treat respiratory

It's something our own Dr. Nicole Bocking, this region's medical officer of health, spoke about last week. Coverage is in this edition.

Bocking warned of what she called a Triple Threat that's overwhelming the province's health care resources. We're being slammed with influenza, the latest respiratory goodie offered by COVID-19, and increasing RSV infections.

"The combination of all three is putting significant pressure on Emergency Departments, primary care, walk-in clinics, and in-patient units at hospitals," Bocking said.

There's been a dramatic increase that shows a more than doubling of visits to emergency rooms in the region every

"The volume this year is higher than previous years," she said.

Wearing a mask is one simple way to stymie the Triple Threat.

The province's chief medical officer

Dr. Kieran Moore supports voluntary use of masks. Why he didn't enact

mandatory masks for the sake of sound public health is a mystery. Perhaps his stopping short had something to do with having to work under a premier who didn't even heed advice from qualified physicians that made up the now-shuttered scientific advisory table.

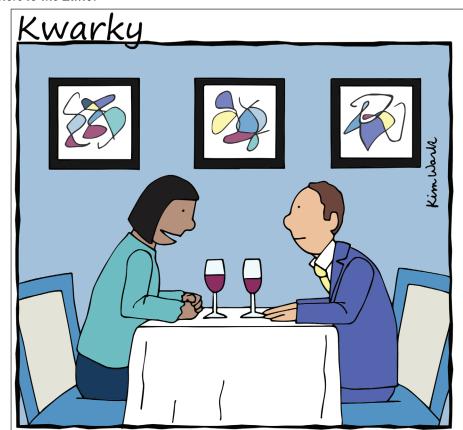
I'm not one to sing praise for our premier, but

even Doug Ford said in the last few days that people should ensure their COVID-19 vaccinations are topped up, and that they should perhaps throw a flu shot into the mix for good measure. He also spoke about voluntary masking.

And that's something, I suppose. It's an acknowledgement by Ford of masks' effectiveness, even on the heels of a so-called Freedom Convoy of misinformed people who believed mandatory masks for the public good was Machiavellian.

An aside: What's Machiavellian is Bill 124, the provincial legislation that limits wage increases to some public workers, among them the overworked nurses struggling to stretch their dimes in the face of staggering inflation and dire economics.

But we do what we can when we can. And one of the best things we can do to help the cause is to wear a simple mask. It isn't an imposition. It's not an infringement on personal freedom. It's basic decency is what it is.



"If you interrupt my anecdote with your own one more time, my next anecdote will be about the date I ditched mid-dinner."

### How to shiver correctly

OW THAT the cold weather has finally arrived, new deer hunters might need a reminder on how to shiver correctly. As any veteran deer hunter can attest, this is one of the most important skills a hunter can have during the rifle hunt in November and later in the archery season, as well.

If your shivering is off or sub-standard, it could ruin the chance of a lifetime.

Like anything else related to hunting or fishing, the shiverer needs to learn and utilize proper form. I know, some of us think we are naturally good at shivering, but the truth is even the naturally

gifted shiverer could use a few pointers.

Don't despair, though. As relative southerners, we take to shivering well and can be easily taught. Some of the worst shiverers I know are from Baffin Island.

Not to brag, but I can tell if a hunter is not utilizing good shivering form from at least 200 metres away. Usually, the dead giveaway

is the sound of teeth chattering or what looks like a cyclone of leaves or snow in the distance.

When I started late season hunting many years ago, I thought I knew how to shiver. But, frankly, when I look back on it, my initial forays, it was embarrassing. I didn't know what I didn't know.

For instance, I kept my knees too far apart so that when my kneecaps knocked, they took on the cadence of an ivory-billed woodpecker, which is believed to be extinct and was never native to Ontario in the first place. As you might imagine, deer pick on that immediately. Ideally, you want your knees to sound like the commonly found downy woodpecker. To do that, you need

to place them closer together.

Later, as I progressed in skill, I realized that if I padded the knees of my hunting pants, when I shivered I could also sound like a drumming grouse once I got cold

Also, when I first started, I never used to bring along beef jerky or anything else that stopped my teeth from doing a passable imitation of an old typewriter. I thought I could stop that unnatural noise by merely placing my tongue between my upper and lower teeth. It worked, too. You could not hear the chattering over the whimpering.

Yet, it was not ideal.

Improper shivering also affects your marksmanship, but only if you are not quick at pulling the trigger the millisecond your sight bounces like a jackhammer over the intended target. The way to counter this is to hold your sights on the vitals of the animal until your arms are frozen in place which should not take long in good shivering weather. Then you pull the trigger.

Expert shiverers can also cause their upper and lower body parts to shiver in opposite amplitudes in order to cancel both movements out. But that takes years of practice.

I know what you are thinking. Why shiver at all? Why not add a few more layers so that you are warm enough to sit comfortably in your stand without shivering? Ha! Spoken like a person who has never had to answer nature's call - and quick.

No, it's far better to shiver than face the Herculean task of undoing 26 layers with frigid fingers once the coffee kicks in.

Take it from me, the best way is to learn to control your shivering. Until then, stay frosty my friends.



**STEVE GALEA** Beyond 35

### **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

### Finding a new way of living

'M NOT one for rewatching a movie, no matter how good it might have been. Especially if it is a remake.

I made an exception recently and ordered up the 2021 remake of West Side Story, the classic tale of gang rivalry and young love in 1957 New York City. I did it because most remakes are bad, and I wanted to see just how bad this one was.

What a surprise! This remake is every bit as good as the original, which starred Natalie Wood, Richard Breymer, Rita Moreno, George Chakiris and Russ Tamblyn.

In some ways, it is even better, which is not a surprise because it was directed by



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Steven Spielberg, who gave us blockbuster successes such as E.T., Saving Private Ryan, Jaws and Schindler's List. Spielberg's version is more inclusive and more representative of today's world.

The original West Side Story had a core message: in a world torn by poverty, cultural differences and outright racism there is hope that love can overcome all.

The West Side Story 2021 remake continues that message, adding a couple of its own while putting the classic Romeo and Juliet story into today's American social

One is that today's road to achieving the American dream is more strewn than ever with hardship and trag-

edy. Gun violence, racial hatred and decaying urban structure stand in the way of building better lives, especially for immigrants.

However, hope for a better America comes from the performances of two young newcomer actors – Rachel Zegler and Ansel Elgort who were 18 and 25 when the movie was filmed.

Interestingly, both young people, who star as Maria and Tony, do their own singing. In the original 1961 film, ghost voices sang for stars Natalie Wood and Richard Breymer.

Probably the biggest change in the 2021 movie version is the reappearance of Rita Moreno, who played the vivacious Anita in the original. She returns as the elderly Valentina, widow of Doc, owner of the drugstore where members of the Jets youth gang hang out.

At 90, Moreno sings the powerful Somewhere!, which dreams of a time and place in which people with differences live and love together in peace.

Moreno's reappearance 60 years after the first movie was filmed is a lesson for all: Don't toss anything aside just because it is old. Old things and old people still have much to offer.

Valentina's Somewhere! offers hope for change, while knowing she will not live to see it. She is near the end of her life but sings of hope for the young people who are struggling to make good lives for themselves.

Someone has been singing Somewhere! on stage, in film or in a recording studio for 60-plus years. The lyrics of the tune are haunting, but hopeful:

> "There's a place for us Somewhere a place for us Peace and quiet and open air Wait for us somewhere

"Someday Somewhere We'll find a new way of living We'll find a way of forgiving Somewhere!"

Sadly, despite all the passing years and all the singing, we still haven't found that "somewhere." Hatred, racism and violence remain a big part of our lives. North American gun violence is totally out of control. There have been roughly 500 mass shootings in the United States so far this year.

We Canadians consider ourselves much purer than the Americans. However, Statistics Canada has reported that police-reported crimes motivated by race or ethnic hatred increased 80 per cent between 2019 and 2020. Black, Asian and Indigenous people were the main targets of the 1,594 Canadian hate crimes during that period.

Instead of finding a new way of living, we are well into a new time in which sane centre-based politics is being taken over by insane extremism, on both the right and the left. Fact-based information and intelligent discussion are being replaced by misinformation and disinformation.

West Side Story is a sad story that ends tragically without the "somewhere" being

However, like the two young lovers and the elderly widow Valentina, we can't stop hoping that it's out there and one day our crippled societies will find it.



Tree roots are exposed after a mud slide next to the B112 snowmobile trail off Bobcaygeon Rd. /Submitted by Guenter Horst

#### letters to the editor

### Maintain your COVID vigilance

To the Editor,

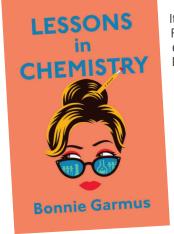
After five booster shots and being incredibly vigilant about wearing a very good mask in public, I finally tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, two of the people at a meeting had thought they had a small cold and did not test. (Lesson 1, always test if you have any cold symptoms).

The journey has not been fun; headaches, incredible fatigue, fever, loss of appetite, and a continuous hacking cough. The recovery will take seven to 10 days and many personal events have been cancelled. So, what is my point?

Make sure you have as many of the booster shots possible; it will make the symptoms less severe and will work to mitigate "long COVID." Make sure you wear a mask in large crowds as we approach the holiday season. Be prudent and be smart; COVID-19 has not gone away.

> Rick Blickstead. Dysart et al

#### HCPL's Book of the Week



Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. It's the early 1960s, and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with — of all things — her mind.

But like science, life is unpredictable, which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show Supper at Six. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking proves revolutionary, but as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.



#### **Minden remembers**

Branch 1129 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadets John Austin, left, and Tristan Humphries stood as the Honour Guard of the Minden cenotaph at the Minden Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



Minden resident and retired music teacher Lorie Reddering plays the Last Post during the Minden Remembrance Day ceremony.



Former Mayor of Algonquin Highlands Carol Moffatt takes a moment of silence after placing a wreath on behalf of the Township of Algonquin Highlands.



New Mayor of Minden Hills Bob Carter places a wreath with Legion Branch 636 sergeant-at-arms Comrade Richard Schell during the Remembrance Day ceremony.



Main Street in Minden was filled for the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Op-ed

### Damned if you do ...

by FAY MARTIN

Special to the Times

You know the story about the blind men meeting an elephant. Each one had access to a different part. The one who had the tail described confidently that the elephant was thin, sinuous and sparsely hairy. The one who had the trunk said, "Sinuous, for sure, but thick and muscular and very inquisitive, almost like it had a life of its own." And the one who had the leg said, "No, the elephant is a strong, solid column as big around as your arms can reach."

They were all right in part, and they were all wrong

I felt that way this week when, on one hand, I was acting on behalf of a not-for-profit housing group, selecting the one lucky tenant from among the myriad who applied for a market-rent apartment. And on the other hand, I was landlord of the secondary suite in my home, trying to part company with my tenants who probably want to go because they know I no longer want them in my home, but can find no other place. From the people seeking tenancy, we heard about substandard units and dodgy landlords. From the tenant in my secondary suite, I feel resentment and resistance, even though we had seven pretty good years together.

What both the seeking and the rejected tenants have in common is that there is not enough attainable housing (to use the Ford government's new word for "affordable housing," which now has a bad whiff about it), whether for purchase or rent. One of the reasons that there is not enough housing is that economic forces have pushed the cost of construction into the stratosphere. Another reason is that the rules that govern the landlord-tenant relationship are a quagmire of legalities that fail to touch the essential reciprocity at the basis of that partnership, and people shy away from becoming landlords.

In my wild younger days, our motto was, "Power is: use it or be used by it." In my sober senescence, it could become, "The law is: use it or be used by it."

Because the truth is that the law never made anyone good or bad. It merely provides a framework that can be used for good or evil. Desperation – like not having a roof over your head, or having your home invaded by aliens - brings out the fighting bad in any of us. So does maximizing wealth, which may also be a desperate desire. Housing is the Number One route to wealth – you can't be properly rich in our society without owning at least one property.

So, that's what's gotten us where we are: decades of building laws and regulations that make housing the asset of choice, and papering over the cracks that develop among the individuals for whom housing is "home." I can say, with feeling, that no one in their right minds should become a landlord because the legislation does not provide a level playing field – it is tipped toward protected the vulnerable, which is seen to be the tenant. The Residential Tenancy Act has 13 sections under Responsibility of Landlords and four under Responsibility of Tenants. The landlord cannot impinge on the right of the tenant to bring whomever they wish into their unit to live, or to add pets: they can only hold tenants responsible for the behaviour of those added. Smoking, even in a no-smoking unit, is not grounds for eviction. Nonpayment of rent is the surest route to eviction, although very slow (the current wait period to get before the Landlord Tenant Tribunal, the only body that can order an eviction, is currently eight months), but the landlord is on their own to get reimbursement.

And yet, I am a landlord, in both my private and volunteer life. What, beyond poor judgement or momentary insanity, keeps me on that path? Because I believe that every human being requires a proper home to prosper, and every member of our community who doesn't prosper costs us big, both financially and morally. So, it's self-serving. Because I believe - although my confidence is severely dented - that if you treat people with respect, they will respond in kind (eventually, mostly, enough to make the investment worthwhile). And because I have more houses than I need, and others have less or none, so there is a moral imperative to

share as best I can, and hope that it's good enough to make a difference in how this little corner of the world turns.

The only true solution is for everyone to have a goodenough home in which they feel secure enough to get started on being the best person they can be. The System has been spectacularly unable to accomplish that, so I guess, if we want it to happen, we'll have to do it ourselves. Even if it seems crazy.







### Bob Omar Tunnoch's must-see exhibit

by JERELYN CRADEN Special to the Times

If I didn't know that Bob "Omar" Tunnoch was a two-time Juno award-winning musician and songwriter, a founding member of the Canadian blues band, Fathead, and a visual artist whose paintings can be found in private and corporate collections across North America, I would still have been extremely impressed with his stunning, intriguing, brilliantly crafted, and even humorous art exhibit: THE MUSE, under the thin blue line, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) Minden, on now until Dec. 20.

It was standing room only at Tunnoch's artist talk on Nov. 5, and he was thrilled. "I met so many interesting people," he said.

Transcending the walls of the AJG, Tunnoch's paintings drew me into his strange, fascinating and beautiful world where nature and man meet in the most intriguing and unusual settings. I could hardly wait to ask him: Why are reptiles and amphibians so prominently featured in your work? Which came first, your music or your art? And, why are you called Omar when your name is Bob?

Warm and welcoming Tunnoch began: "When I was in high school, I used to wear those big farmer overalls that were way too big for me, so they used to call me Omar the tent maker, and the name stuck like glue."

As for featuring exotic creatures in his paintings, "When I was young, I was always catching tadpoles and salamanders. I had frogs and turtles, snakes and lizards. I was breeding chameleons. I love all wildlife."

Fortunately, Tunnoch's parents supported his interests and presented him with a pet iguana. "It was in an aquarium and one summer our cleaning lady thought, Oh I should clean the aquarium. So, she takes the top off and, of course, the lizard moved, and scared the living daylights out of her. We had to get her husband to come and get her because she was running down the street screaming.'

Heart-set on becoming a herpetologist, (who studies reptiles and amphibians), Tunnoch sent numerous letters to Canadian universities only to have his dream squelched. Unfortunately, there isn't a big call for herpetologists in Canada due to the lack of reptiles.

Nevertheless, he continued to draw and research his creatures of interest.

"As a kid, I was into the magazines, Creepy and Eerie, horror art. "The artists were amazing, and I'd always try to emulate them. Bernie Wrightson's pen and ink work was incredible. Frank Frazetta was great." And, later on, Salvador Dali became an inspiration.

Music came in his early teens when the Beatles hit the charts in North America. "I first started playing guitar in a band and was told, 'You stink on guitar, you're going to play bass." He's been playing bass ever since, drawn to the blues and root music.

After studying painting at Humber College and the Vancouver School of Art, Tunnoch made the rounds to a few Toronto galleries as a complete unknown without personal introduction, and, like so many young budding artists, found the response nothing short of lip service.

'This creative thing is a blessed curse," he said. "You just feel like you have to create. It takes over. So, it's either music or art, and you just do it with no real rewards in sight." Then came Fathead.

"Music went fairly well for me, but there's a big joke among musicians that goes, 'There's hundreds of dollars to be made in the music business."

When asked about the element of hyper-realism in his work, Tunnoch said: "I get sucked into the painting, and I'm gone." Referring to his painting, Undercover Amazon Horned Frog.

"It's the first time I ever tried to paint glass. It's the study of whites and greys and blacks. I was fascinated. It drove me nuts, and I'm already nuts, so I didn't have to get any nuttier."

Yes, he is a funny person who brings humour to much of his work (paintings and songs). In this same piece, which features wine glasses with frogs in the foreground, Tunnoch's description reads, "The Amazon horned frog is an ambush predator. It sits patiently and waits for unsuspecting prey to wander by and then eats them. In this painting, the horned frog sits among a group of ceramic frogs thinking he's unnoticeable, waiting for an unsuspecting victim."

Tunnoch's favorite painting in The Muse exhibit is In Session – Carnivorous Plant Choir. Around a microphone



Undercover Amazon Horned Frog by Bob Omar Tunnoch. /Photo submitted



In Session Carnivorous Plant Choir by Bob Omar Tunnoch. /Photo submitted

are five exotic open-throated plants. "I like the idea of it. I like the oddities of the animal world. I just like to make people aware of what's out there," he said. "Sometimes people ask, "How did you make that thing (creature) up?' And I say, 'I didn't. It actually exists,' which opens up a conversation, and usually people are flabbergasted by the life history of these things and how they interact."

There is a stunning luminous quality to the wallpaper that Tunnoch paints in several of his pieces, the likes of which I had never seen before. "How in the world did you do that?" I asked. He joked: "If I tell you, I'll have to kill you." Actually, he did tell me, and I'm still here to tell you that he generously explained it to me, and out of respect, I choose to keep his unique process a secret.

What I will tell you is this – the process has a myriad of steps and layers and requires an inordinate amount of time. patience and experimentation. But when Tunnoch is in his artistic "zone," eight hours becomes a mere blip.

Asked about his favourite self-penned song, Tunnoch said, "Just another day. It's about how fragile life is. A friend had passed away and I thought about things that are so precious in life, like family and friends, and trying to make every day special."

The lyric begins, "A willow weeped for water on a hot dry day. A shadow in the valley trying to find its way. The silence in the distance so hard to hear. What can you do? It's just another day."

Today, Tunnoch makes each day special, living with his wife in a log cabin on ten acres in rural Malone, Ontario.

To see more of Tunnoch's artwork and for contact information visit www.bobomartunnoch.com

AJG is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.mindenhills.ca/en/things-todo/agnes-jamieson-gallery.aspx

#### 8-0 win for the Huskies

Haliburton County Huskies player Ty Collins takes a shot on the Saint Michaels Buzzers net during their game at the SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 12. The Huskies won with a sweeping 8-0 victory. /Submitted by Tim Yano





Huskies player Christian Stevens receives a pass from teammate Isaac Sooklal.





Lucas Stevenson attempts to reach for the puck after taking a shot.

Riley Noble speeds past his opponent behind the net.



Tensions were high on the sidelines for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as Tea Yates takes a shot during the Kawartha final girls basketball game against Norwood District High School. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

### Girls basketball team hopes for a rebound at COSSA

by VIVIAN COLLINGS Times Staff

Suffering a loss at their Kawartha final game, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls basketball team is still celebrating.

The school hasn't had a girls basketball team for ten years until now, and they are keeping their heads in the game for the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) championship on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Norwood District High School.

Rio O'Malley, guard for the team and Grade 12 student, said their favourite part of the season has been getting to be part of the monumental moment of being the first to play on a girls basketball team at the school in a decade.

"I've really enjoyed the season, even though it's a little shorter than I'd like. I was able to meet a new friend. It was nice to just be a part of a great group of girls," Rio said. "My favorite part, 110 per cent, would be the fact that this is the first time in 10 years that Hal High has had a girls basketball team. I think us all coming together to be a part of that is my favorite part."

The team competed against Norwood District High School in their Kawartha playoff final game at HHSS on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and lost 27-44.

Rio felt the team did not play to the best of their abilities, but they are looking forward to redemption on Wednesday.

"Considering we were missing one of our best players, Avery Horner, I think we still played hard. We eventually came back into the game late in the second quarter. We just had to push ourselves to communicate, and we improved on it through out the game," Rio said.

Coach and HHSS teacher Mike Rieger said the team will compete in two games at COSSA.

"If we lose either game there, our season is



before her opponent can take the ball.



Ceinwyn Mathura prepares to take a shot on net Yates keeps her Norwood District High School opponent at bay while dribbling to take a shot.

over," he said.

Rieger said the team has performed far above his expectations given the fact that most of them had never played competitive

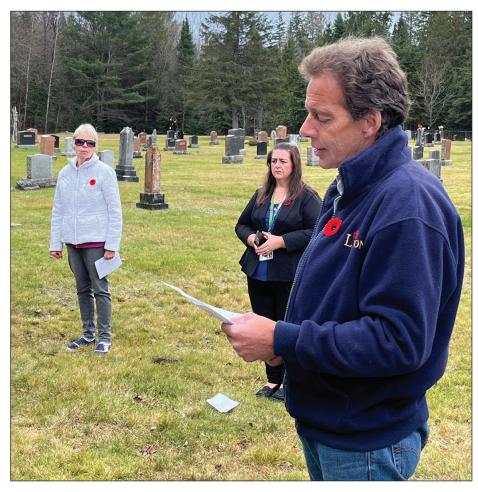
"Overall, the season has gone really well. Every week, there was noticeable improvement, and we were competitive in all of our games so far. The biggest obstacle has definitely been the lack of experience, but everyone on the team has been really open to learning the game."

Follow the scores for the HHSS girls basketball team at www.cossa.ca/viewScores.php?leagueid=7&schoolid=28.

#### Remembrance Day in Gelert

Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount Branch 441 sergeant-at-arms Ira Peters salutes while standing in front of the Colour Party at the Remembrance Day service held at the Gelert Cemetary on Friday, Nov. 11. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff





Sheldon Rae led the Gelert Cemetary Remembrance Day ceremony.

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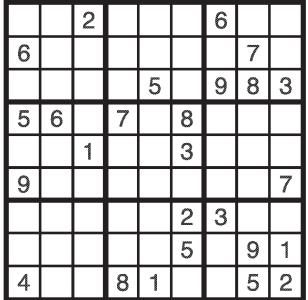
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Answers on page 16



Wreaths covered in poppies were laid at the Gelert Cemetary.



A Remembrance Day ceremony was held by Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount Branch 441 at the Gelert Cemetary.

### Seasonal installation of floating snowmobile bridge

The floating Snowmobile Bridge located in downtown Minden, which spans the Gull River, was installed on Wednesday, Nov. 9, in preparation for the upcoming winter season. Passage through the area by watercraft will be closed.

The bridge is currently closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with barrier fencing installed at either end of the

The public is reminded to respect the barrier fencing and use caution near the water, as the weather conditions during this time of year and as we move into the winter months, can create unstable and potentially dangerous conditions.

For more information please visit www.mindenhills.ca for accurate updates.

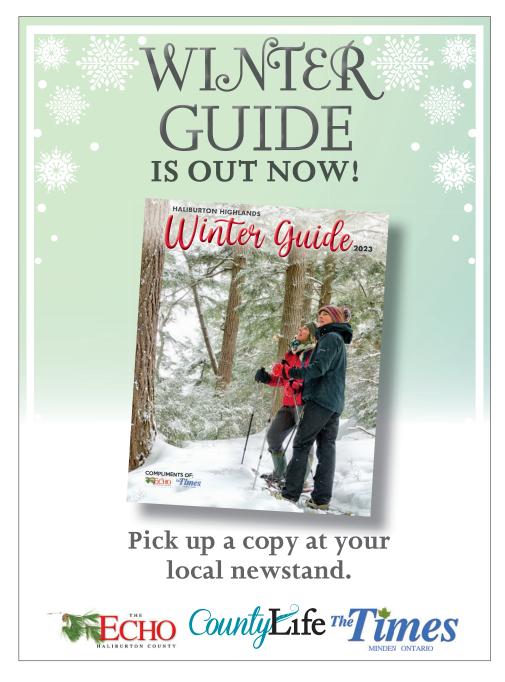
Submitted by the Township of Minden Hills







The Township of Minden Hills and **Halibruton County** Snowmobile Association set up the floating bridge across the Gull River for OFSC snowmobile trail B112 last week. /KAREN LONDON Staff





#### Pony pitstop

From left, Chelsea Rowe with Sassy, Aimee Bain with Sweetpea and Jennifer Semach and Coconut from Walkabout Farm stopped by the *Minden Times* office during their "dry"walkthrough for the Minden Santa Clause Parade this Saturday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. /KAREN LONDON Staff





#### SEEKING MEMBERS FOR **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands invites expressions of interest from members of the public, outlining your experience, who are interested in serving on the following Committees of Council:

- Airport Events Committee
- Committee of Adjustment
- Environment & Stewardship Committee
- Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Committee

Candidates who have a specific interest in any of the above committees are encouraged to apply.

To view the Terms of Reference for each Committee please visit the website at https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/ government/committees.php or contact the Municipal Clerk for more information.

Expression of Interest will be accepted by the undersigned until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

#### **Dawn Newhook**

Municipal Clerk Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 T: 705-489-2379 Ext. 333 E: dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca

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## Call for research project ideas

Have a local research idea? U-Links wants to hear from

Since 1999, U-Links has facilitated hundreds of research projects in Haliburton County between community organizations and student researchers, primarily from Trent University and Fleming College. We aim to help your organization gain valuable research which will benefit the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of Haliburton

Don't have a background in research or know where to start? Not a problem! All you need is an idea. We are happy to assist in the development of your project proposal and define the appropriate research questions. If they relate to community development, health sciences, forensics, community well-being, environmental sciences or another area, we are here to help!

For example, a few of our current community-based research projects include:

- Delineating the Velocity of Climate Change in the Haliburton Highlands
  - Lakeshore Capacity Study of Gull Lake
- Underground Greenhouse Feasibility Study

U-Links also facilitates opportunities for community-service learning. This is a form of experiential education that achieves immediate outcomes, such as completing an event, survey or activity. An example is the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival which engages Trent Environmental Science students and community members to help run the activity stations and ensure the day goes smoothly.

We ask that any project ideas or topics be sent over by the beginning of December so they can be ready for Trent and Fleming faculty to consider for their winter and spring

For more information and to see examples of our previous and available research projects please visit https://www. ulinks.ca/available-projects.html.

Contact our program coordinator, Sadie Fischer at environmental@ulinks.ca or phone our office at 705-286-2411.

Submitted by U-Links







#### **Notice of a Special Council Meeting**

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held Monday, November 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to enter into a Closed Session meeting at 9:00 AM pursuant to section 239 (3.1) Of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended regarding Education or Training.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated for the duration of one week. The Special Council meeting will be conducted via web conference and in-person.

Meeting Live-Stream Link: https://youtu.be/GSf86u6o7oQ

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining the live-stream link, available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct live-stream link provided above.

We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at www. mindenhills.ca/council/.

Dated this 14 day of November, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact: Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk (705) 286-1260 Ext 505 tmckibbin@mindenhills.ca



#### Looking for an opportunity to serve your community or know someone who is?

The Township of Minden Hills is currently seeking residents to serve on the Committee of Adjustment for the 2023-2026 term of Council.

Members will receive \$100.00 for each regular meeting attended and are reimbursed for mileage associated with conducting site visits. Meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the last Monday of each month.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

The Committee of Adjustment considers applications for minor variances from the Township's Zoning By-law as set out in the Planning Act. A minor variance may allow property owners to use their land in a way which does not comply exactly with the requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body made up of citizen representatives appointed by Council. Decisions made by the Committee of Adjustment may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by submitting a copy of their resume and a cover letter to:

Clerk's Department
Committee of Adjustment Member
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359 - 7 Milne Street
Minden, ON., K0M 2K0
or by e-mail to:
sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Applications must be received by Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about the collection and use of this information should be directed to the Deputy Clerk, Vicki Bull, Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 (705) 286-1260 ext. 515.



### Notice of a Complete Application and Public Meeting For Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments and Temporary Use By-law

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting on:

**DATE:** Thursday, December 8, 2022

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

LOCATION: This will be held as a virtual meeting

TO WATCH: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: https://youtu.be/VyDk7gmeoa4

**TO PARTICIPATE:** Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meetings must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday December 7th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type

https://zoom.us/join or https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88131792040?pwd=bVBoeWNJbHVITUJpVzRRMHMwb0RNQT09 into your browser or attend by dialing the number below:

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Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to admin@mindenhills.ca

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment applications **PLZBA2022074** and **PLZBA2022075** and temporary use by-law application **PLTU2022077** pursuant to Section 34 and 39(1) of the Planning Act, respectively. The applications for Public Meeting are listed below:

PLZBA2022074 – Part of Lots 9 and 18, Plan 147, Geographic Township of Lutterworth being a portion of 11700 Gull, Sugar Island (see Key Map). Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural (RU)' and is located within the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The zoning by-law amendment is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-045-22, which would serve to sever a portion of 11700 Gull, Sugar Island for the purpose of a lot addition benefitting an adjacent property, being 11264 Gull, Sugar Island. The zoning by-law amendment would serve to rezone the severed lands from 'Rural (RU)' to 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' to provide uniform zoning on the resultant enlarged lot.



PLZBA2022075 – Part Lot 10, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; being 1032 and 1040 Ranta Trail (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject properties are currently zoned 'Rural (RU)' and 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and are located within the Waterfront designation in the Township's Official Plan. The zoning by-law amendment is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-046-22, which would serve to sever a portion of 1040 Ranta Trail for the purpose of a lot addition benefitting 1032 Ranta Trail. The zoning by-law amendment would serve to rezone the severed and benefitting lands from 'Rural (RU)' and 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' respectively to 'Shoreline Residential-Exception (SR-E)' in order to provide uniform zoning on the resultant enlarged parcel; together with recognizing a reduced lot frontage and permitting a maximum height of 6.4 metres for an accessory structure.



PLTU2022077 - Part Lot 16, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden, known as 1547 Bethel Road (see Key Map)

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural Residential (RR)' and is located within the Rural designation of the Township's Official Plan. The temporary use by-law would serve to permit the construction of a 54.3 square metre (585 square feet) temporary garden suite on the subject property.



**Additional Information** regarding these applications is available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

**Any Person** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

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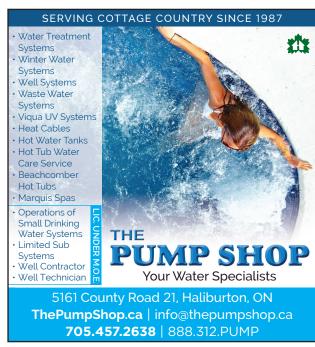








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For more information, contact Katherine Frank (kfrank@kbrs.ca) or Beth McLennan (bmclennan@kbrs.ca).

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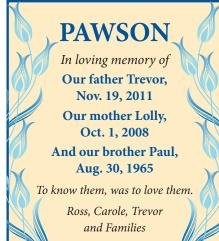
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### County debates expansion options

by Andy Holloway

Confusion reigns at Haliburton county council over whether a new county building is

Members are unsure of whether the county should build a new county building, add a \$100,000 addition to the present office or put

it off for another year.

Chief Administrative Officer Gary McKnight asked to proceed with a variance request for an addition to the county building. McKnight said he just wanted to see whether a variance would be granted. If not, that option could be scratched from the list.

While permission was granted to proceed with the request for variance, council members had differing opinions on the need for the ad-

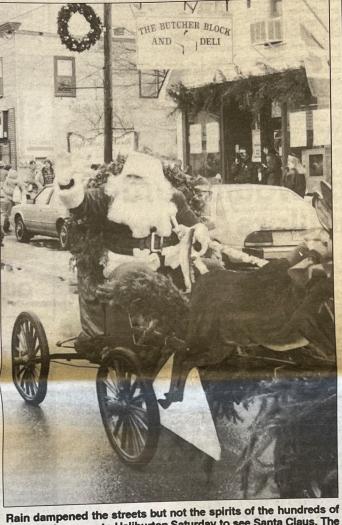
"Now is the time to build a county building in the county town and put the county's people back to work," said Minden Reeve Bern Berry.

Berry was backed up by several members including Minden's Deputy Reeve Lewis Stevens and Lutterworth Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon. McMahon proposed that the office include all of the agencies which operate in the

"I'm convinced that the best way to spend the money is to build a new building that houses all of the agencies, including the OPP, in the county," said McMahon.

However, several others were opposed to

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people who came to Haliburton Saturday to see Santa Claus. The second Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton Village featured a variety of colourful floats and costumed walkers. Santa will be making another appearance in the county this Saturday when he takes part in the Minden community Santa Claus Parade.

### Hodgson is likely candidate for wardenship

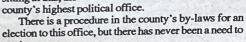
Unless there is an election this year, Dysart Reeve Chris Hodgson will be the next Warden for Haliburton

In his report on last Wednesday's county council meeting, Lutterworth Reeve Cam Ecclestone said he has suggested that Hodgson be nominated for the position. "I put his name forward", Ecclestone told his fellow

Lutterworth Councillors. He said Hodgson has asked for support in his bid to be the next

Traditionally county's wardenship is filled by acclamation. A single candidate nominated for position based on experi-ence and on the municipality he Reeves take turns

sitting at this, the



The last Dysart reeve to head up county council was Murray Fearry in 1987. In the past 10 years Cardiff is the only municipality that hasn't had a turn at the wardenship. The last warden from Cardiff Township was

M.W. McGilvray in 1980. The next County Council meeting is slated for December 7 when a decision will be made as to which of the 16 county councillors will replace George Simmons at the head of the table.



## Quiet announcement reflects subdued political style

by Russ Duhaime

Bill Scott's farewell to the political front arrived with the same resounding silence that characterized his 27-year career on Parliament Hill.

Scott, the federal member for the Victoria and Haliburton riding, quietly announced at an unpublicized meeting of his riding association that he will not seek reelection. By the time the news of his retirement reached the media's ear the amiable member was securely out of reach on a hunting retreat. On Thursday no one answered the phones at his Lindsay office. And on Friday he was in transit between Lindsay and Ottawa.

Over the past few months there has been a good deal of speculation as to whether Scott would lead the local Tories into spring election. The speculation was largely

#### Analysis

uttered by opponents who fully realize his

personal popularity. If Conservatives had a prayer of winning again in this riding, Bill Scott was the only man who could carry it off for them. In spite of the incredible unpopularity of his party, Scott's personal popularity has not waned possibly because of his distance from the decisions made by his Conservative counterparts. After all, it was never his alliance with the party that earned this backbencher his votes. Instead, it was his amiable personality, his uncanny knack of remembering names, and his neighbourly manner that carried him through election after election.

His retirement from politics is one less worry for those who seek to rep

Scott's career is not studded with dazzling accomplishments. Instead, he represented his constituents in a quiet fashion, uncharacteristic of today's politicians.

"Politician" has never been a four-letter

word when applied to Scott. He survived his lengthy career in parliament without the slightest hint of scandal — accomplishment enough in today's sorry political pit. He is the longest serving Conservative Member of

Although he is regarded as a solid backbench MP, Scott has a share of the responsibilities of government. He served as a parliamentary secretary for the Minister of Veterans Affairs and as deputy critic for National Revenue. He also assisted deputy chairmen of various House committees.

Scott will continue to serve as the member for this riding until a federal election is called this sprin



Bill Scott: After 27 years in Parliament, MP quietly announces plans to retire.











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